

Norman Public Schools

Student Use of the Wide Area Network, the Internet, and Other Technological Resources

The Board of Education provides the wide area network, local area networks, Internet access, and other technological resources for the purpose of supporting and enhancing learning and teaching. The Board recognizes that guidelines must be established to assure that these technologies are used to provide activities which are appropriate to the learning environment.

Some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive. The Board cannot guarantee that a student will not encounter questionable material on the Internet.

Acceptable uses of the network and Internet are activities resulting from specific tasks and assignments which support learning and teaching and promote the district's mission and goals.

Prohibited uses are those which violate an individual's right to privacy or access the materials, information or files of another individual or organization without permission; violate the copyright laws; spread computer viruses; deliberately attempt to vandalize, damage, disable or disrupt the property of the District, another individual, organization or the network; or any effort to locate, receive, transmit, store or print files or messages that are profane, obscene, sexually explicit or use language that is offensive or degrading to others. Use for commercial activities, product advertisement or political lobbying is also prohibited.

The District is responsible for protecting its networks in a reasonable manner against unauthorized access and/or abuse, while making them accessible for authorized and legitimate users. This responsibility includes informing users of expected standards of conduct and the punitive measures for violating them.

Before a student may access the Internet, written parental permission will be required.

The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for developing guidelines to govern the use of these technologies in the District.

To remain eligible as users, student use must be in support of and consistent with the educational objectives of the District. Access is a privilege, not a right. Access requires responsibility. Students and all other users of the district's networks and other technological resources are responsible for respecting and adhering to local, state, federal and international laws and guidelines governing use of information and the available technologies. Any attempt to violate the guidelines, terms and conditions for use of technology, the network or the Internet may result in revocation of user privileges, other disciplinary actions consistent with Board of Education Policy and existing practice regarding inappropriate language or behavior including suspension from school, and/or appropriate legal action.

The District makes no warranties of any kind, neither expressed nor implied, for the Internet access it is providing. The District will not be responsible for any damages users suffer, including but not limited to loss of data resulting from delays or interruptions in service; for the accuracy, nature or quality of information gathered through district-provided Internet access.

The District will not be responsible for unauthorized financial obligations resulting from district-provided access to the Internet.

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